

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method and apparatus for moving a multipart sliding roof for a motor vehicle has a first angularly movable roof section, and at least a second and third roof section movable in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle for the positioned closing and opening-up of a roof opening. The longitudinally movable roof sections are controllable by means of an operating element for the selection of different defined roof positions, in which case, by means of the operating element, at least six switching positions and thus six positions and thus six different positions of the individual roof sections can be selected. After the selection of different switching positions by the operating element, the movement of different parts of the multipart sliding roof is carried out in a restrictedly controlled manner, without their movement having been selected by the operating element.